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In re Application of  
Tianmei Ouyang, et al.  
Application No. 10/092,836  
Filed: March 6, 2002  
Attorney Docket No. LFS-0214

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 30, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed July 30, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 31, 2002.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, the \$930 extension of time submitted with the petition on June 30, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account number 10-0750.

The Revocation and Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address has been accepted and recorded.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5594.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600, Art Unit 1654 for further processing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Retta Williams".

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